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IN REPLY REFER TO:
9212

Notice of Emergency Fire Prevention Orders on Public Land within the Vale District, Oregon.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, Oregon.
ACTION: Emergency Fire Prevention Orders for public land within the Vale District, Oregon.
SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is temporarily prohibiting some activities and uses of the public lands during periods of high fire danger. This regulation is necessary to protect natural resources and the public's health and safety.
DATES: Thursday, August 14, 2008 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: These orders will apply to all public lands administered by the Vale District Bureau of Land Management. The BLM has determined that these orders are necessary to protect natural resources and provide for public safety. Under 43 CFR 9212.2, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following orders on the public lands within the Vale District, Oregon.

Orders to be enforced:

1. You must not operate a motorized vehicle off of existing roads and ways or on roads and ways with vegetation present that exceeds 6 inches in height. Off road travel by any motorized vehicle is prohibited until this order is rescinded.
2. You must not operate an automobile, pickup, truck, or any other motorized equipment that is wider than 50 inches or has a dry weight of 800 pounds or more, on public lands without a shovel not less than 26" in overall length, with a blade not less than 8" wide, and a container with at least one gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5 pound fire extinguisher.
3. You must not park your vehicle or operate any type of internal combustion engine (generators, chainsaws, etc.) in an area that is not clear of all flammable material.
4. Class 1 ATVs and class 3 motorcycles are not required to have a fire extinguisher or shovel but must have a USFS approved spark arrester as part of the exhaust system of the vehicle.
5. You must not build, maintain or attend a campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire, except within the existing metal fire rings located at the following Recreation sites, Westfall, Airstrip, Bob Creek, Spring Recreation Site and Carters Landing, in Baker County and Chukar Park in Malheur County. NOTE: Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted. When used outside of developed recreation sites they must be used within an area at least ten (10) feet in diameter that is barren, or clear of all flammable materials.
6. You must not smoke outside of a vehicle, trailer or building, except within areas barren of all flammable materials for at least a 3 foot diameter, or aboard boats on rivers and lakes.
7. You must not possess, discharge or use any type of fireworks.

PENALTIES: On public lands, under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)) and 43 CFR 9212.4, any person who violates any of these prevention orders within the boundaries established in the order may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3 (a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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